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POLICY OFFICE**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-42**  
**August 31, 2015**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau address or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Peace Valley Hot Springs  
31 South Hot Springs Road  
P.O. Box 930  
Boulder, MT 59632

FACILITY NAME: Peace Valley Hot Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 31 South Hot Springs Road, Boulder, MT 59632  
Jefferson County

RECEIVING WATERS: Outfall 001: Little Boulder River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0023639

The Department proposes to renew the Peace Valley Hot Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility (Peace Valley WWTF) MPDES discharge permit. The permit was first issued in 1998, and the current permit expired July 31, 2014. The Peace Valley WWTF is a privately owned wastewater treatment facility located in Boulder, MT. The facility consists of two facultative lagoons, which treat wastewater from the Peace Valley pool, spa, hotel, and restaurant. The treated effluent is discharges to the Little Boulder River via Outfall 001. The draft permit continues to apply limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), and *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) bacteria. In addition, the proposed permit includes new limits on total ammonia and nutrients. The draft permit incorporates technology-based and water quality-based effluent limits and ensures the limits do not cause degradation of high quality waters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 30, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 30, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The administrative record, including the permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Jenna Stamper no later than **September 15, 2015**, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Jenna at 444-3080 or write to her at the address noted to make your request known.

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